

Sergeant Manning has gone beyond the call of duty as a soldier and as a father. Married to Donna Manning for over 30 years, they have raised two talented sons, Trace and Madison. Sergeant Manning's brave and resilient character is apparent through his sons as they have both fought personal battles against Cystic Fibrosis. As the family endured troubling times, Sergeant Manning did not waiver in his duty to country. In fact, his patriotism resounded so deeply with his sons that they encouraged him to serve overseas while the two combated their illness. In 2008, the Manning family faced the hardest battle of all when Trace passed away. Tried and true, the Mannings are exemplary in perseverance and patriotism.

Loyal to the things we value most, Sergeant Manning's moral compass points true as he places family and nation above himself. He constantly seeks opportunities to improve life for those around him. Admired and respected by all, Sergeant Manning is the ultimate example of an American patriot.

It is with great pleasure that I honor today, a decorated war hero and a noble father. I commend Sergeant Manning for his dedicated service and his selflessness that motivates everyone around him.

DR. GUY SCONZO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the fine career and outstanding public service of my friend, Dr. Guy Sconzo. Dr. Sconzo has devoted four decades to the education of our nation's youth; beginning as a teacher and then working as an administrator. He is retiring after leading Humble Independent School District for the last 15 years as Superintendent. He has devoted his life to education and bettering our community, and it is with great pleasure that I express my admiration and gratitude for his lifelong service. I offer him my utmost congratulations for his long and successful career.

Dr. Sconzo began his career as a teacher—in his home state of New York—after graduating from Wagner College in 1973. He then earned his Master's Degree at New York University, and his doctorate at Ohio State University. He served in many different teaching and administrative roles in New York, Ohio, New Jersey, and Oklahoma. He then made one of the best decisions of his life, he moved to the great State of Texas in 2001 as Superintendent for Humble ISD.

During his career, he has achieved numerous awards and recognition at the local, state and federal level for his leadership and hands-on involvement in the success of the students at Humble ISD. In 2013, he earned Superintendent of the Year by Region 4 and last year he led Humble ISD to being named the Best Large District in Texas by H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards. His dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of the teachers, staff and students under his supervision as well as the community. His intellect, eagerness, and vision will be sincerely missed by not only Humble, but the many other communities that he has touched.

Dr. Sconzo is a dedicated family man, having been married to his wife Diane for 41 years, and the proud father of two adult children; Michael and Jennifer. Dr. Sconzo and Diane are looking forward to traveling and spending time with their four grandchildren.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I commend this remarkable leader for his exemplary service and dedication to the State of Texas. I thank him for a job well done and I wish him the best of luck in the future as he enters into this new phase of life.

CLINTON THOMAS SAWYER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Clint Sawyer as a member of the United States Merchant Marine Academy Class of 2016.

Clint will graduate from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on June 18, 2016, and he will be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Clint's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Clint and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy Reserve officer.

As Clint embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Merchant Marine Academy.

I would like to send Clint my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

COMMEMORATING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the historic Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Pensacola, Florida.

The Catholic presence in Pensacola traces back more than 450 years ago, upon the first settlement under the command of Don Tristán de Luna y Arellano in 1559. Following a series of military conflicts to occupy or maintain settlements in Pensacola and hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast, under the command of General Bernardo de Gálvez in 1781, the Spanish defeated the British and recaptured Pensacola. It was in May of that year that Father Cyril de Barcelona blessed an old wooden two story warehouse on the water-

front for a church to establish a parish of St. Michael the Archangel, and on June 6, 1886, present-day St. Michael Church in downtown Pensacola was formally dedicated by Bishop Jeremiah O'Sullivan of Mobile, Alabama.

With a red brick exterior and Florida pine interior, the church became adorned with life-like Stations of the Cross, memorials bearing the names of pioneer Catholic families and eventually 24 breathtaking stained glass windows, 23 of which were recently restored, that were designed and created by world renowned artist Emil Frei.

St. Michael Church, whose mission is to "Proclaim Christ and to Encounter Him in Word, Sacrament and Service," grew to be an intrinsic treasure to the Northwest Florida community with its historical significance and architectural beauty and was elevated to minor basilica status on December 28, 2011 by his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel of Pensacola and its parish's more than 235 years of faithful service to God and to the Northwest Florida community. Vicki and I thank them for their dedication and pray for their continued success. May God grant the parishioners of St. Michael's many more years to come and may His blessings continue to shine down on them.

JUSTIN PRENDERGAST

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Justin Prendergast as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2016.

Justin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in aerospace engineering and he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps on May 27th, 2016.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Justin's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Justin and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Marine Corps officer.

As Justin embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Justin my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.

A TRIBUTE TO FRED SHEHEEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a legendary figure in South Carolina,

Fred Sheheen, who recently died in an automobile accident. Fred, a former chair of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, spent his life advocating for South Carolina's colleges and universities. He was instrumental in breaking down barriers to quality education and promoting equality of opportunity for African American students.

Fred graduated from Duke University in the late 1950s. After graduating, he worked as a reporter for The Charlotte Observer covering civil rights events. As a founding member of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), or "Snick," as we became known, my fellow students and I made sure that Fred—as a young reporter—had plenty of news to cover.

Fred later worked as an aide to South Carolina Governor and United States Senator Donald Russell. He served for a decade as Commissioner and Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and later taught an honors course on South Carolina State Government for the University of South Carolina. Fred also served on the executive board of UNITED 2000, which was dedicated to bringing the Confederate battle flag down from the State House dome and out of the Senate and House Chambers.

His family roots run deep in South Carolina's political community and state government. Fred's brother Austin was a long-time member of Kershaw County Council. Another brother Bob served as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and his son Vincent, a twice Democratic nominee for Governor of South Carolina, currently serves in the South Carolina State Senate.

Fred Sheheen's nearly eight decades on earth were dedicated to the betterment of his fellow South Carolinians and building a brighter future for their children and grandchildren. His untimely death is a tremendous loss for our state and our people, and to me personally. May he rest in peace.

TERESA CARMELLA MEADOWS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Teresa

Meadows as a member of the United States Naval Academy Class of 2016.

Teresa graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in history and she received a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 27th, 2016.

Her career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Teresa's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Teresa and her accomplishments, and we look forward to her continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Navy officer.

As Teresa embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that she may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Naval Academy.

I would like to send Teresa my best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors, thank her for her service, and congratulate her on this momentous occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today we congratulate the 2016 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted Academy appointments:

John Richard Anthis, Alamo Heights High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Chandler Ray Baker, Central Catholic High School, United States Military Academy; Heidi S. Borgerding, Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Air Force Academy; Tamara Jean Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Gracie Sierra Hough, Jack C.

Hays High School, United States Naval Academy; Mark Kittelson, Ronald Reagan High School, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Steven Thomas Lamoureux, Robert G. Cole High School, United States Air Force Academy; Scott Wagner McClendon, Westlake High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Air Force Academy and Sean J. O'Leary, Heritage School, United States Military Academy.

These outstanding students have much to give to their Academy and to our country. We appreciate both their talents and their patriotism.

PAUL SOLOMON

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Paul Solomon as a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2016.

Paul graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 2, 2016, and he will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

His career in the service has just begun, but it is a testament to Paul's unselfish devotion to the people of this great nation.

The challenges will be many and the time, although it may seem like an eternity, will fly by almost unnoticed.

South Mississippi is proud of Paul and his accomplishments, and we look forward to him continuing to represent not only Mississippi, but the entire nation, as a United States Air Force officer.

As Paul embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may always recall with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment graduating from a program as prestigious as the Air Force Academy.

I would like to send Paul my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors, thank him for his service, and congratulate him on this momentous occasion.